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that no useful purpose will be served by placing on the table the list of appointments made. The statement below shows the communities to which the officers so far appointed belong :—

	Reeruted.	Promoted.	Total.
Brahman	3	30	33
Non-Brahman Hindu ...	6	10	16
Christian	1	4	5
Muhammadan ... ..	...	4	4
Depressed classes ...	...	2	2
	10	50	60

(e) There are no secondary trained headmasters of elementary training schools. The secondary trained assistants, however, in such schools are being appointed as junior grade Deputy Inspectors when considered fit.

(f) Yes.

(g) Yes; as far as possible.

Excise.

Opening of distilleries in South Kanara.

*2300 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have received representations from any persons in South Kanara requesting that distilleries for the production of liquor may be allowed to be opened in South Kanara; and

(b) what action Government have taken or propose to take on them?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government do not propose to take any action on the petition as the petitioners have not approached the local or controlling authority in the first instance as required by the Memorial Rules.

Administration Reports.

Administration reports under the hon. the Minister for Development.

*2301 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to specify—

(a) the various reports of the administration of the departments under his control published by Government;

(b) in which months the several reports for the years 1921–22, 1922–23, 1924–25, or for 1922, 1923 and 1924 (according to the financial or calendar year) were published;

(c) what the causes there were for the delay, if any of them were published more than six months after the year of report;

(d) whether attempts have been made to publish the several reports for the previous year at least a month before the budget estimates are placed before the Council; and

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(e) what steps are being taken to ensure earlier publication of the reports?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement ^a is appended.

(c), (d) & (e) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 2316.

Fisheries.

Purchase of fishing trawler.

* 2302 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to the answer given to my question No. 1674 on 19th March 1926, regarding the purchase of the fishing trawler, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the fishing trawler in question has arrived in India;
- (b) its dimensions, conditions, uses to which it can be put and when it can be set to work;
- (c) its total cost up to date;
- (d) the cost of setting it for its use in India; and
- (e) what the working staff will be and what the approximate annual recurring cost beginning with this year?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The dimensions of the vessel are—

Length from the forepart of the stem under the bowsprit to the aft side of the head	...	...	125	feet.
Breadth	...	...	23.50	„
Depth	...	...	14.42	„
Round of beam	...	...	0.58	„
Length of the engine room	...	...	33.0	„
Register tonnage	...	...	177.44	„

The vessel is intended for the conduct of deep sea fishing experiments. It can, however, be used for the following purposes when not actually engaged on that work:—

- (1) Research as regards shoals of fish, migrations of fish, etc.
- (2) Towing pearl-fishing boats to pearl banks on occasions of pearl fisheries.
- (3) Supplying fish to all the fish-curing yards on both the coasts of the Presidency.
- (4) Transport of salt to the fish curing yards on the West Coast from Tuticorin.

The vessel can probably be set to work in September next. The trawl and seine net gear have to be refitted and the vessel has to be provided with a laboratory room and some well-ventilated cabins before she could be commissioned for deep sea fishing and research.

(c) Rs. 1,04,453.

(d) Estimates are under preparation.

(e) The question of staff is still under consideration. The annual running expenses of the trawler are estimated at Rs. 43,700.